

Not Just Tornadoes



Have you ever gone to a ball game, and heard thunder in the distance...but the game resumed until it rained? If you answered "yes", you are not alone.

There are still a lot of people who do not realize that thunder is caused by lightning...and that lightning can strike up to 10 miles away from an approaching storm. Ironically, 10 miles is about the audible range of thunder. So, if thunder is heard...lightning should be a concern. To learn more about lightning, go to <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov>.

So you are traveling and approach water moving across the road. Do you drive through the water to save time? If you answered "yes", you are not alone.



In May, 2002...a car carrying a grandmother and her two grandchildren was swept off the road by a swollen creek in rural Scott County, Arkansas. The grandmother lost her life after she exited the car to find help. The grandchildren were unharmed.

In the picture: A car was washed off the road in southwest Scott County (western Arkansas) and was swept downstream (i.e. along Haws Creek) on 05/27/2002.

While water looks non-threatening, two feet of water will float an average car. Also, estimating the depth of water can be difficult...especially at night. Weighing these factors, driving through water is very risky. The National Weather Service has a simple slogan: "Turn Around Don't Drown"™. For more about the slogan and on flash flooding in general, go on-line to the following addresses:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/floodsafety>
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tadd>

38. 2.5 miles east-southeast of Buford to 4 miles south-southeast of Mountain Home (Baxter Co.), November 27th, 6:15 PM – A weak (F1) tornado had a path length of 3.7 miles.

39. 1.7 miles south of Williams Junction to 14.5 miles west-southwest of Roland (Perry and Pulaski Cos.), November 27th, 6:25 PM – A weak (F1) tornado had a path length of 3 miles.

40. 0.8 mile north-northeast of Springfield to 6.5 miles north-northeast of Bee Branch (Conway, Faulkner, and Van Buren Cos.), November 27th, 6:27 PM – A strong (F2) tornado had a path length of 21.8 miles.



In the picture: Tin from a barn was strewn through the trees near Bee Branch (Van Buren County) following a strong (F2) tornado on 11/27/2005.

41. 4 miles north-northwest of Vidette, AR, to 2 miles northeast of Bakersfield, MO (Fulton Co., AR, and Ozark and Howell Cos., MO), November 27th, 6:40 PM – A weak (F1) tornado had a total path length of 4.3 miles – 1.3 miles in Arkansas and 3 miles in Missouri.

42. 6 miles south-southwest of Shirley to 2.8 miles south of Shirley (Van Buren Co.), November 27th, 6:55 PM – A weak (F1) tornado had a path length of 3.7 miles.

43. 2.8 miles south of Wooster to 1.7 miles north-northeast of Greenbrier (Faulkner Co.), November 27th, 6:59 PM – A weak (F1) tornado had a path length of 7.7 miles.

In the picture: The dugout at a junior high school in Greenbrier (Faulkner County) was destroyed by a weak (F1) tornado on 11/27/2005.



44. 4.3 miles southwest of Higden to 1.6 miles southwest of Higden (Clebourn Co.), November 27th, 7:02 PM – A weak (F1) tornado had a path length of 2.7 miles.